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THERE WAS BROAD CONSENSUS IN EDITORIALS OF LEADING OSLO PAPERS THAT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WAS THE CHIEF MOTIVE FOR THE U.S.'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO USE VETO. CONSERVATIVE AFTENPOSTEN SAID FEW WOULD DISAGREE WITH HANOI'S CONTENTION THAT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WAS THE CHIEF REASON FOR THE INTENTION TO USE THE VETO. THE PAPER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROBABLY FELT IT HAD NO CHOICE, THAT THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN FOREIGN REACTIONS TO THE VETO ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE LEADING LABOR PAPER ARBEIDERBLADET SAID THAT "EVEN IF WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN ARGUMENT, WE THINK THE U.S. SHOULD NOT STOOP TO SUCH NARROW-MINDED FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS."

INDEPENDENT LIBERAL DAGBLADET, A FREQUENT CRITIC OF U.S. POLICIES, SAID THAT "IN VIEW OF THE ENORMOUS VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES IN THE WAR, IT IS NOTHING LESS THAN INDECENT OF THE U.S. TO USE THE MISSING AMERICANS AS A LEVER TO KEEP VIETUNCLASSIFIED

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